



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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SECRETARY

Dear Directors:

**REALLOCATE PRIOR YEAR EXCESS FUNDS AND ALLOCATE
COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS TO PLACEHOLDER GRANTS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will approve the reallocation of \$70,888,518.30 in prior year Excess Funds of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for prior year un-awarded Excess Funds and allocate \$2,806,976.53 in County Excess Funds to placeholder grants to comply with requirements of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed administrative actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act as the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.
2. Approve the reallocation of \$70,888,518.30 in prior year Excess Funds to the Supervisorial Districts in the four allocation categories as shown in the Attachment.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to allocate County Excess Funds in the amount of \$2,806,976.53 into placeholder grants in all Supervisorial Districts to comply with the requirements of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 as also shown in the attachment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Reallocate Prior Year Excess Funds

In any fiscal year, Excess Funds awarded but not encumbered into grant agreements in that fiscal year are available for allocation by your Board in the following year. Of the cumulative total of \$189,339,160 that has been determined to be excess since 1999, \$118,450,641.70 was allocated to projects through Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11. Excess funds of \$70,888,518.30 for all prior years, still available for allocation in the current fiscal year, are therefore recommended for reallocation, as shown in the Attachment I.

Supplement and Reduce "County" Excess Funds in County Placeholder Grants

The 1996 Proposition requires that the County be granted an amount equal to the total amount granted to cities in each fiscal year. During the fiscal year, grants funded with "Cities" and/or "County" Excess Funds were made in each of the five supervisorial districts. Since the amounts granted were not equal, supplements or decreases to the grant amounts in the County Excess Funds placeholder grants will enable the District to comply with the requirements of the 1996 Proposition. The placeholder grants in each supervisorial district would be adjusted to achieve parity between the "Cities" and "County" categories of Excess Funds to reflect awards made in FY 2010-11 as follows:

- First District - \$300,000 supplement to the Various First District Improvements placeholder grant based on the following activities in FY 2010-11:
 - \$300,000 "Cities" Excess Funds awarded to the City of South El Monte
- Second District - \$3,287,412 supplement to the Various Second District Improvements placeholder grant based on the cancellation of the County's Alondra Gym Project. No "Cities" Excess Funds were awarded in FY 2010-11.
- Third District - \$229,999.16 reduction to the Various Third District Improvements placeholder grant based on the following activities in FY2010-11:

- \$5,152,634.36 in "County" Excess Funds as part of a \$10,692,259.40 grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the El Cariso Park, Phase II Development Project.
- \$50,000 in "County" Excess Funds as part of a \$300,000 grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Don Wallace Trail Project. The original \$300,000 grant awarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Don Wallace Trail Project to be reduced by \$250,000 by this Board action.
- \$4,972,635.20 "Cities" Excess Funds as part of a \$10,692,259.40 El Cariso Park, Phase II Development Project grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation assigned to the County by the City of Los Angeles.
- Fourth District - \$287,685.69 net reduction to Various Fourth District Improvements placeholder grant based on the following activities in FY 2010-11:
 - \$2,685.69 in residual funding from a \$100,000 City of Long Beach Grant.
 - \$285,000 grant of "County" Excess Funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the La Mirada Park Parking Lot Project.
- Fifth District - \$262,750.62 net reduction to the Various Fifth District Improvements placeholder grant based on the following activities in FY 2010-11:
 - \$37,249.38 "Cities" Excess Funds awarded to the City of Duarte.
 - \$300,000 "County" Excess Funds awarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Crescenta Valley Dog Park Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by allocating funds available for additional capital outlay projects and making adjustments to Excess Funds.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The allocation of additional Excess Funds to the County placeholder grants for purposes of achieving parity with the City grants will not impact the General Fund until such amounts are awarded to County projects of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section (21), Subsection (j) of the 1996 Proposition requires that, following completion of an independent annual audit of the District, an annual Plan of Revenues and Expenditures (Plan) be prepared and approved by your Board prior to the end of the fiscal year. The 1996 Proposition identifies two purposes for the Plan. First, the Plan must demonstrate that the District is managing its revenues and issuing debt in a manner that ensures sufficient funds will be available to finance the \$859,000,000 of capital outlay project expenditures identified in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 (the 1992 and 1996 Propositions) by the end of FY 2008-09.

Second, the annual Plan must identify to your Board any available excess funds and designate the amount of such excess which, according to a formula prescribed by the 1996 Proposition and a recommendation by an independent financial consultant, may be allocated for additional projects. The 2011 Plan of Revenues and Expenditures was submitted under a separate board action to be approved no later than June 30, 2011.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996.

Section (24), Subsection (b) of the 1996 Proposition requires that the County be granted an amount equal to the total amount granted to cities in each fiscal year.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines. This is because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The board action has no impact on current services nor does it authorize specific expenditures. It is merely a re-allocation of available Excess Funds.

CONCLUSION

Your Board's approval of the attached actions prior to the end of the current fiscal year will meet the requirements of the 1996 Proposition.

Please instruct the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney
Director of Parks and Recreation

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel

Regional Park and Open Space District
STATUS OF EXCESS FUNDS
As of May 17, 2011

Allocation Category	Cumulative Available	Total Board Allocations	Unallocated Balance	Grants Awarded	Grants Paid	Parity Adjustment
1st District						
"Big 5" *	\$ 17,040,524.40	\$ 4,307,050.00	\$ 12,733,474.40	\$ 3,467,050.00	\$ 2,838,563.39	
Cities	\$ 8,520,262.20	\$ 3,220,599.64	\$ 5,299,662.56	\$ 3,220,599.64	\$ 2,535,220.09	
County	\$ 8,520,262.20	\$ 2,920,599.64	\$ 5,599,662.56	\$ 2,920,599.64	\$ 1,564,830.00	\$ 300,000.00
Competitive	\$ 3,786,783.20	\$ 2,608,803.20	\$ 1,177,980.00	\$ 2,608,803.20	\$ 1,657,386.38	
District Total	\$ 37,867,832.00	\$ 13,057,052.48	\$ 24,810,779.52	\$ 12,217,052.48	\$ 8,595,999.86	
2nd District						
"Big 5" *	\$ 17,040,524.40	\$ 17,040,524.40	\$ -	\$ 17,040,524.40	\$ 13,636,090.85	
Cities	\$ 8,520,262.20	\$ 6,432,297.20	\$ 2,087,965.00	\$ 6,432,297.20	\$ 2,987,040.83	
County	\$ 8,520,262.20	\$ 3,144,885.20	\$ 5,375,377.00	\$ 3,144,885.20	\$ 1,707,526.25	\$ 3,287,412.00
Competitive	\$ 3,786,783.20	\$ 1,651,183.00	\$ 2,135,600.20	\$ 1,651,183.00	\$ 891,538.86	
District Total	\$ 37,867,832.00	\$ 28,268,889.80	\$ 9,598,942.20	\$ 28,268,889.80	\$ 19,222,196.79	
3rd District						
"Big 5" *	\$ 17,540,524.40	\$ 10,239,000.00	\$ 7,301,524.40	\$ 10,239,000.00	\$ 7,121,102.10	
Cities	\$ 8,020,262.20	\$ 6,811,652.20	\$ 1,208,610.00	\$ 6,811,652.20	\$ 1,139,017.00	
County	\$ 8,520,262.20	\$ 7,041,651.36	\$ 1,478,610.84	\$ 6,991,651.36	\$ 231,377.58	\$ (229,999.16)
Competitive	\$ 3,786,783.20	\$ 3,198,543.00	\$ 588,240.20	\$ 3,198,543.00	\$ 1,630,793.00	
District Total	\$ 37,867,832.00	\$ 27,290,846.56	\$ 10,576,985.44	\$ 27,240,846.56	\$ 10,122,289.68	
4th District						
"Big 5" *	\$ 16,540,524.40	\$ 8,100,000.00	\$ 8,440,524.40	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 3,571,634.42	
Cities	\$ 9,020,262.20	\$ 3,897,314.31	\$ 5,122,947.89	\$ 3,897,314.31	\$ 3,644,152.88	
County	\$ 8,520,262.20	\$ 4,185,000.00	\$ 4,335,262.20	\$ 4,185,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ (287,685.69)
Competitive	\$ 3,786,783.20	\$ 1,684,893.68	\$ 2,101,889.52	\$ 1,684,893.68	\$ 1,615,611.43	
District Total	\$ 37,867,832.00	\$ 17,867,207.99	\$ 20,000,624.01	\$ 17,767,207.99	\$ 8,911,398.73	
5th district						
"Big 5" *	\$ 17,040,524.40	\$ 13,530,000.00	\$ 3,510,524.40	\$ 13,530,000.00	\$ 11,917,134.78	
Cities	\$ 8,520,262.20	\$ 6,058,647.26	\$ 2,461,614.94	\$ 6,021,397.88	\$ 3,471,091.57	
County	\$ 8,520,262.20	\$ 6,321,397.88	\$ 2,198,864.32	\$ 6,321,397.88	\$ 2,278,090.44	\$ (262,750.62)
Competitive	\$ 3,786,783.20	\$ 3,249,623.20	\$ 537,160.00	\$ 3,249,623.20	\$ 849,670.79	
District Total	\$ 37,867,832.00	\$ 29,159,668.34	\$ 8,708,163.66	\$ 29,122,418.96	\$ 18,515,987.58	
Total						
"Big 5" *	\$ 85,202,622.00	\$ 53,216,574.40	\$ 31,986,047.60	\$ 52,276,574.40	\$ 39,084,525.54	
Cities	\$ 42,601,311.00	\$ 26,420,510.61	\$ 16,180,800.39	\$ 26,383,261.23	\$ 13,776,522.37	
County	\$ 42,601,311.00	\$ 23,613,534.08	\$ 18,987,776.92	\$ 23,563,534.08	\$ 5,861,824.27	\$ 2,806,976.53
Competitive	\$ 18,933,916.00	\$ 12,393,046.08	\$ 6,540,869.92	\$ 12,393,046.08	\$ 6,645,000.46	
District Total	\$189,339,160.00	\$ 115,643,665.17	\$ 73,695,494.83	\$114,616,415.79	\$ 65,367,872.64	\$ 2,806,976.53

Allocation to County for parity: \$ 2,806,976.53 \$ 2,806,976.53

Adjusted District total: \$ 118,450,641.70 \$ 70,888,518.30

* Highest priority regional open space and recreation projects